Principal's News

Enrolment Update
Day four and day eight are important dates for counting student enrolments as staffing entitlements are based on these calculations. Schools are staffed according to the number of students who have reported to school in the first eight days. Currently we have 1041 students and all classes meet the regulation class sizes of:
- no more than 25 students in Prep to year 3 classes
- no more than 28 students in years 4 to 7 classes
This is good news for Frenchville because it means our staffing predictions have come in as anticipated. I encourage all parents to be on the look out for the parent afternoon/evening notes. These important events establish a strong partnership between teacher and parent and build the foundation for a positive school year. When parents and teachers work together for the benefit of students, positive learning occurs. Dates are included inside this newsletter.

Get involved with your P&C
Getting involved with a Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, but many people may be unsure of how it works. If you’ve never been involved in a P&C before, the Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers is a great way to get familiar with what they do, and how you can help out. The guide sets out the roles and responsibilities of members in an easy-to-read format. The Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers has been produced by the Queensland Council of Parents' and Citizens’ Associations and Education Queensland and is available for download from the Department of Education and Training website at http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/pdf/quickguide-pc-executiveofficers.pdf.

Our P&C AGM will be held on Thursday 14/2/13 in the staffroom. The agenda is contained within this newsletter. This meeting is then followed by our first general meeting for the year. We’d love to see as many people at the meeting as possible. Meetings are conducted in the admin block in the staffroom. Involvement in the P&C helps you get to know key parents, our tuckshop convenor Chris and also myself as principal as I attend all of these meetings.

Key Email Contacts
Recently I updated the staff email list on our school website. I have placed every staff member’s work email address on this site so that you can email them as an alternative form of contact. Email can be useful if you wish to arrange an appointment time or have a basic query. This list can be found in “our school” drop down menu on the “our staff” page. If you need to contact one of us in admin, here are our email contacts:

Leisa Neaton, Principal
Donna Earle Morrison, Deputy
dearl5@eq.edu.au
Bill Smith, Deputy
bsmit577@eq.edu.au
Moira Mackenzie, Deputy
mmack136@eq.edu.au
Michele Bailey, Business Services Manager
mbail44@eq.edu.au
Greg Muller Guidance Officer
gmull12@eq.edu.au

For absences, general queries for the front office ladies: admin@frenchviss.eq.edu.au

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Our P&C meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. All welcome.
P & C Email: pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au
A few reminders about safety around our school

With lots of people on our grounds, we need to be aware that health and safety is a priority at all times. Therefore, we have a lot of rules to ensure that we make things clear and these rules, if followed, minimise the chances of accidents. High risk times are before and after school because there is no scheduled teacher supervision at these times. Members of the admin team circulate before school and will remind students about rules but we also rely on parents supporting us to enforce the rules to keep things running smoothly, particularly with their own children. A few of these rules:

- Playgrounds are out of bounds before and after school. We know sometimes parents supervise their children in these areas. However, when other children whose parents may not be on campus see fellow students in these areas they want to join in, leaving these children unsupervised and at risk. Therefore this is a blanket rule – no playground before or after school.
- Please wait away from verandas and stairs. These areas need to be kept open. We do not want a staff member, parent or child to slip in these areas.
- Two minute parking zone – please use as per the two minute rule. Also, no parking on the green grassed traffic area. This destroys the pathways and curbing as 4 wheel drives drive over them putting pedestrian lives at risk. Remember – Council Officers and Police regularly patrol and will issue fines. Walk into the traffic zone if you can, parking further up Pilbeam Drive or down side streets.
- Lunch choices can sometimes be dangerous. We have had an increasing number of canned goods coming to school. Students find it difficult to open these (especially in prep and year one) and teachers find it difficult to find time to open them safely. We have already had one cut finger. Knives are also not allowed at school – please avoid sending knives in lunch boxes.
- Sensible school shoes are expected at Frenchville. That means lace ups or Velcro shoes. Definitely no slip ons please. We also discourage distractions to learning such as bright laces and shoes, temporary tattoos and fingernail polish. If fingernail polish comes to school students are sent to the office to remove it with fingernail remover during their lunch hours. It is better if this can be taken off at home.

Religious Instruction

Lessons commence Thursday 21 February. Notes have been distributed to students and must be returned to the office by Friday 8 February. Children will be assigned to Religious Instruction according to current enrolment details or the information provided on this form.

Student Banking

Student Banking will restart on Thursday, 14 February. Any student with a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver Account can deposit their money at school every Thursday. Bring your deposit book and money to school and place in the class bank bag or take it to the office. Please ensure all details are written on the deposit form and stub. The Rewards Program is back and details about 2013 rewards will be given out soon. If you wish to open a Youthsaver Account for your child, please visit any Commonwealth Bank branch or go online to commbank.com.au. Prep students will receive details about Student Banking in the coming weeks. In the past, Student Banking has been a great fundraiser for the school and we thank everyone for their valued support.

Green Thumbs News

If you had a school provided Green Thumbs vest last year we would appreciate it if it could be washed and returned to school. A stocktake will then be done and a meeting will be conducted later in the term to discuss Green Thumbs Club this year.

Donations for the Clothing Pool would be appreciated as stocks are getting low. Please bring to the office. We are now open Thursday and Friday before school from 8.20am.

Thanks to Toni Casey for volunteering to open on Thursdays The clothing pool has relocated to under E block, near the tuckshop.

P&C AGM, Followed by General Meeting

NOTICE OF P&C AGM

The P&C AGM in 2013 will be conducted on Thursday 14/2/13 at 6pm in the staffroom. At this meeting all current positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be taken for the executive positions for 2013.

The Annual General Meeting agenda consists of:

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting
2. Reports – President, Treasurer, Principal
3. Election of Office Bearers
4. General Business
   a. 2013 Fundraising Calendar
   b. Life membership of the Frenchville P&C Association nominations
   c. Maintaining funds for student sport representatives
   d. Endorsement of patrons 2013

The AGM is followed by our General Meeting at 6.30pm.

General Meeting

Time: 6:30pm

1. General Business
   a. Councillor Fisher update
   b. SAC window shades
   c. Laptop purchase for the Tuckshop
   d. Uniform Supplier update
   e. Tennis Court Update
   f. Shade structure over handball courts
   g. Endorsement of 2013 levies
   h. Memorandum of Understanding – Schools Out
   i. Fundraising for 2013
     i. Spellathon
     ii. Fete Term 2
     iii. Purchasing sports day coloured shirts
   2. Key Points from Meeting and close

Rain Event Repairs

We are getting on top of damage caused by the rain event. Prep B carpet has finally been sanitis and cleaned. Sandpits have been topped up and leaks to roofs are being investigated. Thanks to Neil Fisher who called inquiring about support in and around our fence line. Neil has assured us the traffic lights and surrounding bridge work will be completed ASAP to restore this service to families.

Parent Information Sessions – Week 3

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Student Leadership Process

The process for electing our student leaders is under way. Written applications have been submitted and the applicants are now participating in leadership activities to demonstrate their skills. Short listed students for school captain positions will be announced on Friday. Voting will occur on Thursday 14 February and House captain elections will occur on Friday 15 February. School Investiture will occur on 25 February 2013.
Year 7 Camp Fundraiser – THIS WEEKEND
The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be on THIS Sunday 10 February. This event is solely for year seven camp and therefore we require a parent coordinator and several volunteers to assist at the stall from 8.30am to 3.30pm on the day. To make this event a success and maximise profits, donation of the following goods is required:
- 50-60 kg sausages
- 37-45 leaves of bread
- 15kg onions
- ice
- soft drinks
- eskies
- gloves
- clean up materials

Could you please email a time that you will be available to assist on the day. We are hoping that if everyone gives an hour of their time that this should cover all the shifts and lighten the work load for everyone.

Thank you for supporting your child’s camp.

Pam Jeffrey
Year 7 Parent and Secretary, Frenchville P&C Association
Email: pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au

Community Notices
Learn2Play basketball program Rocks & Rookies (Boys) & Cyclone Kids (Girls): Rockhampton Basketball is running a 6 week program for Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 students. The Learn to Play Program will introduce participants to the sport of Basketball. For information Rockhampton Basketball Basketball Sport Development Trainee Brad 4922 5544 or competitions@rockhamptonbasketball.com.au or Friday’s 3.45pm-4.45pm, First Session Fri 15th February 2013 Final Session Fri 22nd March 2013 Hegvold Stadium Sir Raymond-Huise Drive, South Rocky. Cost: $66.00 (GST inc)

2013 Netball Sign On – Runaways Netball Club Jardine Park (Cnr Allenby and Lions Creek Road) 3 February, 10am-2pm From 5 years old (turning 6 by 31 Dec 2013). For information contact Kerry Christensen (President) on 0438 415 939, email runawaysnetballclub@hotmail.com or visit us on facebook: http://www.facebook.com/runawaysnetballclub

St Johns Ambulance Cadets – Learn First Aid
St John Ambulance Cadets provide training to achieve proficiency certificates in many areas, including Road Safety, Cooking and Nutrition, Childcare, First Aid training, Animal Care and ANZAC Heritage. Weekly training meetings are held each Saturday morning from 9.30am - 12 noon at the St John Ambulance training centre, Goodsell Street, North Rockhampton (opposite North Rockhampton Cricket Grounds). There will be a sign-on and open day at the centre on Saturday 9 February 2013, starting at 9.30am. Anyone between the ages of 8 and 17 years is welcome. Please contact Alison Briggs on 49284161 for further information.

Table Tennis – Sessions are starting for 2013. All standards welcome with coaching and equipment available. Adults from 7.30pm Monday and Juniors from 4.30pm Thursday at the centre, 157 Campbell Street. Contact the centre on 4922 5390 or rockhampton@tabletennisqld.org to find out more.”

BMX Australia National Sign on Day: Rockhampton BMX Club will be holding FREE Come & Try Days from 4pm Saturday the 16 and 9am Saturday 17 February (weather permitting) at the Rockhampton BMX track, Hollingsworth St. To register or for information on what to bring and wear email rockymx@gmail.com or call 0467 167213.

Frenchville Rover Hockey Club Training Fields: Cnr Mason Street & Shepherd Street, Nth Rockhampton: frenchvillerovershockey@yahoo.com.au Frenchville Rovers Hockey Club invites all new and current players to come down and sign up for the new season at Frenchville Sports Club Function Rooms on Sunday 3rd February 2013 from 9am to 12noon. All grades are open for registration including Under 5 (Mixed), Under 7 (Mixed), Under 9 (Mixed), Under 12 Boys & Girls, Under 15 Boys & Girls, A3 Men & Women, A2 Men & Women and A1 Men & Women.

Come and Try Day – Indoor Netball ISA Rockhampton 37 Hollingsworth St Saturday 16 February from 10am. Ages 5-13, all ages are welcome includes free Netball Coaching, jumping castle, sausage sizzle (all free)

Rockhampton Junior Tennis Association’s coaching ($12/lesson) and fixtures ($8 weekly) commence Saturday, February 2, from 8.00am - 11.00am. Register any Saturday at Rockhampton Regional Tennis Centre, Victoria Park, or by phone (07) 4927 1436. Qualified coaches and experience supervisors employed.

Sports and Health Expo: Postponed to new date: Sunday 24/2 9am to 1.30pm, Rocky Showgrounds. Free entry. Free amusement rides First 1,000 people to visit the Kickstart CO stand will receive a 2013 Sports & Health Expo Pack Major prizes Special guests and come and try activities

North Rockhampton Athletics Sports Oval, North Rockhampton High School Sign On: Sunday 3 March from 10.00am to 12.00pm Athletes from 5 to 17 years (Proof of age must be shown at time of registration if joining for the first time) For more information, please contact Paul on 0437 022 380 or nrac.org.au

For Sale:
- Clarinet, clarinet stand and music stand. Excellent condition please contact Wayne 0438 767 036
- Piano / Keyboard lessons Exam and Eisteddfod work available if desired. For enquiries ring Jenny Hughes 4928 1160 / 0429 841 104
- For Sale: 3 x NRSHS shorts size M $5 each see Priscilla Gardiner Prep G.

Choir News
Junior Choir (1-3) Friday 2pm and Tuesday mornings 8am. Senior Choir (4-7) Monday 1pm and Thursday mornings 8am.

Tuckshop Roster
Roster commencing Monday 11 February:
Monday:  J Connolly
Tuesday:  P Simpson, T Ross
Wednesday:  K Smith, V Tyson
Thursday:  C Wood, R Green
Friday:  K Boyland, J Connolly
C Hills (Convenor)

Community Notices
Glenmore Bulls AFC, Sign On Day Sun 10 Feb 9am–1pm Stenlake Park, 20 McLaughlin St, Nth Rockhampton. glenmorebulls aflq.com.au. Contacts: Wayne 0412 170 787 / Peter 0418 186 988

Nerimbera Football Club 2013 Sign On Day Sunday 10 Feb. 10am-2pm Pilbeam Park, Horner St Lakes Creek nerimberaa@gmail.com or Angela 0408738476

Bluebirds United Football Club Junior & Senior Sign-on for Football (Soccer), Boys and Girls and new players welcome 10 February 2013 9am–1pm Bluebirds Sports Club Richardson Rd. For more information or questions contact Simon Ross (President) 0419793581 or visit our website: www.bluebirds.com.au or email us on admin@bluebirdsufc.com

Touch football junior development day for 9 to 16 year olds no matter what experience or skill level. Sunday 2/12/13 9am -1.00pm. Cyril Connell Fields. No cost. Call 0409631633 for more information.

Friday Afternoon Beginner Squash Clinic for Juniors. Scottvale Park Squash Centre. Ph 49281588. Email: svpsta@bigpond.net.au

Sport and Rec – Get Started Tuesday 15 January eligible children and young people can apply online for a Get Started voucher valued up to $150 to help pay the cost of membership and/or participation fees at Get Started registered sport or recreation clubs. If you haven’t registered yet, jump online at http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/getstarted.html

Get Started is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government’s Get in the Game initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level. Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. For more information on Get in the Game, and the Get Started program, refer to the department’s website at http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame.